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NOVEMBER 7-16, 1973

REF: (A) STATE 211045; (B) STATE 193359; (C) SAIGON 17239

1. REGARDING REF A, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA)
INFORMS US GVN WILL SUPPORT US ISSING IN ACTION RESOLUTION.

2. ON REF. B, REGARDING POSSIBLE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
COOPERATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE RED CROSS
SOCIETIES, MFA SAYS GVN CHIEF REP BAC WILL HAVE AUTHORITY TO
SUPPORT SUCH A RESOLUTION IF IT IS OFFERED BY A THIRD COUNTRY
AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE SPOT WARRANT SUCH SUPPORT.
MFA STATES THAT BAC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY TO
PRESENT SUCH A RESOLUTION BUT WE HAVE IMPRESSION MFA EXPECTS
HE MAY REQUEST SUCH AUTHORITY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN IF HE
JUDGES THE ATMOSPHERE PROMISING FOR SUCH AN APPROACH. IN
SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION OF THIS KIND BY A THIRD COUNTRY BAC
IS TO REFER TO GVN POLICY AS SET FORTH IN LAST JULY 20TH'S NATIONAL
GRIEF DAY STATEMENT (SAIGON 13130; FBIS S191340Z) WHICH EMPHASIZED
PAST GVN EFFORTS AND WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE DRV ON
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. GVN DELEGATION IS AS FOLLOWS: CHIEF: VU VUONG BAC, GVN AMBASSADOR
TO UK AND LAWYER BY PROFESSION; QUOC TONG DUC, DIRECTOR OF CABINET,
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE; DO LAI KY, DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, MFA;
COLONEL LE HUY LUYEN, PW OFFICER IN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE;
LE DAI TOAN, LEGAL EXPERT ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENCY; COLONEL LE
MINH CHUC, FOREIGN LIAISION OFFICER AT GVN CENTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF CEASE-FIRE; MRS PHAM THI TU, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, MINISTRY
OF SOCIAL WELFARE; MISS NGUYEN THI NGOC LAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, MFA.

4. MFA ALSO INFORMS US THAT ITS DELEGATION EXPCETS TO AIR GVN VIEWS
ON THE TWO DRAFT PROTOCOLS TO THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION
WHICH WERE DRAWN UP IN 1972 BY THE ICRC AT THE BEHEST OF THE 1969
RED CROSS CONFERENCE AND ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FINALIZED AT AN
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INTER GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR. GVN'S PROJECTED AMENDMENTS
TO THESE TWO DRAFT PROTOCOLS, WHICH COVER INTERNATIONAL AND NON-
INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS RESPECTIVELY, HAVE THE TWIN AIMS OF WITH
HOLDING PW STATUS FROM TERRORISTS AND NON-UNIFORMED GUERRILLAS,
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REFUSING THEM THE RIGHT TO CLAIM TREATMENT
STATUTORILY SPECIFIED FOR NORMAL CIVILIAN PRISONERS. (WE ASSUME
GVN ENVISAGES ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD CATEGORY OF PRISONERS TO
MEET THIS PROBLEM.)

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5. GVN DELEGATION EXPECTS TO MAKE EARLY CONTACT WITH USDEL TO DISCUSS ABOVE MATTERS AS WELL AS GENERAL QUESTION OF POSSIBLE MOVE TO SEAT PRG OR ITS "RED CROSS SOCIETY)".

6. ACTION REQUESTED: MFA HAS ASKED US FOR LIST OF US DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE AND FOR US VIEWS ON TWO DRAFT PROTOCOLS REFERRED TO PARA 4 ABOVE. WE NEED THIS INFORMATION BY COB NOVEMBER 3 SAIGON TIME.

7. GVN DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER DRV INTENDS TO ATTEND TEHRAN MEETING. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT ON THIS POINT.

8. RECOMMEND THAT USDEL BE ARMED WITH SAIGON'S A-240 OF OCTOBER 17 AND DEPART'S A-4318 OF MAY 17 FOR USE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS IN CASE VIET-NAM ISSUES ARISE AT CONFERENCE. ALSO REQUEST USDEL KEEP SAIGON IMMEDIATELY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE AFFECTING VIET-NAM.
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